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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NUMBER 1: TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY

1. PORTUGAL

A. SOCIALISTS TAKING HARD LINE AGAINST PCP ,

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LISBON, NEGOTIATIONS ON SELECTION
OF A NEW GOVERNMENT CONTINUE AS THE PCP PERSISTS IN
SEEKING THE INDUSTRY PORTFOLIO AND AT LEAST A MODICUM
OF INFLUENCE IN THE MASS COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY.
MEANWHILE, MARIO SOARES:

--WAS QUOTED IN BONN AS SAYING THAT THE COMMUNIST
ADVENTURE IN PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT THE ACTIVE BACKING OF THE RUSSIANS AND OTHER
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY EAST GERMANY.

--PRAISED GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FOR SUPPORT "AT
DECISIVE MOMENTS" WHILE COUNTRIES LIKE THE U.S. HAD
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DEMONSTRATED RESIGNATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PORTUGAL

BECOMING "A TYPE OF CUBA ON THE FRINGE OF WESTERN EUROPE".

--ACCORDING TO A PS CONFIDANT, MADE THE BONN TRIP IN PART TO SIGNAL TO THE PCP THAT HIS PARTY WOULD TAKE A HARD, UNCOMPROMISING LINE ON THE MAKEUP OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

B. POSSIBLE SPLIT IN PCP

A RECENT EDITION OF TEMPO REPORTS HAVING LEARNED OF A WIDENING SPLIT WITHIN THE PCP. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, GENERAL SECRETARY CUNHAL'S LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY IS BEING CONTESTED BY CARLOS ABOIM INGLES, DESCRIBED AS AN ADHERENT OF THE "BREZHNEV LINE." THE PUBLICATION ALSO REPORTED THE EMERGENCE OF A "BERLINGUER LINE." A PCP RALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16 MAY PROVIDE A CLUE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE CLAIMS.

2. EGYPT: SADAT TAKES THE OFFENSIVE

SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY ON TV SEPTEMBER 15, PRESIDENT SADAT CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE GIVEN PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE OCTOBER WAR AND ALLEGED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD TOLD HIM THE US WOULD HAVE ENTERED THE WAR HAD THE EGYPTIANS LIQUIDATED THE ISRAELI WEST BANK POCKET. SADAT ALSO:

--CASTIGATED SYRIAN AND PALESTINIAN "THEATRICAL" DECEPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE POST-OCTOBER WAR NEGOTIATING PERIOD;

--CHARGED THAT SUCH DECEPTIONS HAD BEEN INSTIGATED BY THE SOVIETS;

--EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION THAT EGYPTIAN POLICY MUST BE CONDUCTED BY EGYPT, NOT THE ARABS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: MOST, THOUGH NOT ALL, EGYPTIANS WERE PLEASED WITH SADAT'S REMARKS. AS SOVIET AND ARAB CRITICISM OF THE GOE'S INTEGRITY GROWS SHRILLER AND MORE SECRET

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VIOLENT, SADAT IS FINDING INCREASING LOCAL SYMPATHY FOR HIS VIEW THAT EGYPTIAN POLICY MUST BE CONDUCTED FOR THE EGYPTIANS, THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST FACE FACTS AND NOT DECEPTIONS, THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE LESS CAUSE THAN ANY TO COMPLAIN OF EGYPT, AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE LET EGYPT DOWN BOTH POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY. INTERESTINGLY, THE BAATH PARTY, MORE THAN ASAD, SEEMED TO BE SADAT'S TARGET IN EGYPT. THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT

SADAT SEES NO PERCENTAGE IN ANTAGONIZING THE SYRIAM PRES-
IDENT AS LONG AS IT SEEMS POSSIBLE ASAD MAY ULTIMATELY
FALL IN WITH GOE THINKING.

3.JORDAN'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SYRIA

ALTHOUGH "GREATER SYRIA" OVERTONES ARE INVOLVED THAT
GIVE A LONG TERM DIMENSION TO JORDAN'S RAPPROCHEMENT
WITH DAMASCUS, THE POLICY IS MAINLY A RESULT OF KING
HUSSEIN'S AND PRIME MINISTER RIFAI'S ASSESSMENT OF
SHORT TERM, NATIONAL INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS.
EMBASSY AMMAN REPORTS THE NEW POLICY IS AIMED AT:

--IMPROVING SECURITY ON JORDAN'S SYRIAN AND ISRAELI
BORDERS;

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